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**Grant Applications for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)  
Program Currently Being Accepted**

*Provides Indiana State and Local Jurisdictions with Funding for Criminal Justice Initiatives*

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) applications are currently being accepted. Those interested in applying can do so thru 11:59 p.m. on October 20, 2016.

The JAG Program (42 U.S.C. § 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states and units of local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including, law enforcement, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, crime victim and witness initiatives, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. Further, JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals/communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures. In 2015, ICJI awarded more than \$2.8 million in JAG funding to roughly 50 recipients.

JAG applications are accepted through the Egrants online application process, found at <https://egrants.cji.in.gov>. Applicants must be registered in Egrants, and first time registrants can visit the Egrants website and click on the Register button located on the front page. Failure to register will prevent applicants from obtaining access to the application system and registration could take several days for first time registrants. ICJI is not responsible for applicants who fail to submit a timely application due to technical difficulties that occur within 24 hours of the deadline. Late applications or applications submitted through any means other than Egrants, will not be scored or considered for funding.

For more information regarding JAG, please visit: <http://www.in.gov/cji>. For those needing technical assistance submitting a grant application, the Egrants Helpdesk is available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm ET, and can be reached at: [CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov](mailto:CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov). An Egrants manual is also available online, and can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/cji/2375.htm>. To view all current ICJI funding opportunities, please visit <http://www.in.gov/cji/2371.htm>.

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